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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Appln. No.: PCT/AU99/01048

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For: CRYOPRESERVATION OF OOCYTES AND EMBRYOS AND METHODS
FOR PRODUCING ANIMALS INVOLVING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-identified application, please
amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-14.

Please add the following new claims:

-- Claim 15. A method for cryopreservation of oocytes or
embryos, which comprises the steps of:

(A) centrifuging oocytes or embryos to polarize
cytoplasmic lipid outside of cells constituting
said oocytes or embryos;